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**Miss Helen Coon Improves**  
Miss Helen Coon, who has been seriously ill at her home east of Lordsburg, is reported today to be greatly improved. For several days she has been critically ill and her hundreds of friends are gladdened by the good news of her improved condition.

**JIM CROW MINE SOLD**  
The Jim Crow Imperial Quartz Mine group, located in the Steple-rock mining district in the western part of Grant county, owned by George H. Utter of Silver City has been sold by Mr. Utter to Los Angeles and New York capitalists for \$200,000.

As consummated, the bond and sale calls for the payment of \$10,000 on July 1, 1917, \$40,000 January 1, 1918, and \$50,000 every six months thereafter until the entire purchase price is paid. The purchasers have already taken possession of the property and will at once prosecute extensive development work at the 200-foot level, with a view to opening up the ore bodies and making the mine one of the biggest gold and silver producers in this part of the West. New machinery will be installed and as the ore reserves are developed and mining operations extended a mill to handle the output right on the property will be erected, according to present plans.

**Lambert Wins Second Money**  
Earl Lambert, formerly of the Scott Garage, won second money amounting to \$600, in the 100 mile track race at Phoenix, Ariz., on Thanksgiving day. He drove a Spa racer. W. M. Johnson was his mechanic.

**Antagonism That Helps.**  
He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.—Burke.

## Gifts For Soldiers On The Border

THE WESTERN LIBERAL is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Robert Strain of Silver City, an ardent worker in the National Red Cross, appealing to the people of this vicinity for Christmas gifts for our regular soldiers on the border. Presents or cash donations will be received by Mrs. Strain at 10th and Santa Rita streets, Silver City. Promptness is desired as the boxes are to go to the border by the 15th of December.

Lordsburg should not fall down in this appeal. It is a worthy call that should be answered.

A nation-wide collection of Christmas boxes for the 50,000 regular soldiers in Mexico and along the border has been announced by the American Red Cross. It is planned to give a national testimonial of gratitude for the work done last year by the regulars who do not have the attention of "the folks at home."

General Pershing, who was asked by the Red Cross to indicate just how the country could show its gratitude and interest during the holiday season to men so far from their own home surroundings, replied as follows:

"Many thanks for kind offer to contribute Christmas boxes to troops of this command. Men now well supplied with necessities, but I think pipes, packages tobacco, cigarette papers, cigarettes, match boxes, pocket knives, small cans of jam, stick candies, writing material, light novels and handkerchiefs would be suitable."

On Tuesday nights the Star Theatre shows the "Peg O' The Ring" serial. It is getting more thrilling with each episode. Don't miss one.

## 640 Acre Bill Is To Come Up Soon

Congress convened on Monday December 4, and one of the first measures to receive attention will be the 640 acre homestead. It almost certain to become a law at an early date, perhaps within two or three weeks.

The local U. S. Commissioner is giving special attention to this subject and will be in a position to furnish information as to the progress and provisions of the bill, outline a form of application and of petition for designation, and advise as the status of any particular tracts. There is also provision for additional homesteads even if noncontiguous land and for purchasing 320 acres of contiguous grazing land at \$1.25 an acre.

Homestead entrymen and patentees entitled to additional entry under the act have a preference right for 90 days after designation to apply for land contiguous to their entries.

This prospective legislation is of vast importance to stockmen and ranchmen in many portions of the West and those who are not alive to the situation may find others are ahead in the race and that the land they have in view is already covered by an application.

Metro—the standard in motion pictures. These features are shown at the Star Theatre every Thursday night. Watch for the announcements at the theatre! You wanted the best and that is what we are giving you.

## IN THE JUSTICE COURT

Two cases were tried before Justice C. W. Marsalis in the local court Tuesday afternoon. A. L. Nesbit of Phoenix, Ariz., was fined \$75.00 and given a 100 day jail sentence which was suspended. Nesbit was charged with assault and battery upon Chas. C. Tyson. In his attack upon Mr. Tyson, Nesbit bit off the ends of two of the plaintiff's fingers and was released on bond charged with mayhem. This charge was withdrawn and the defendant plead guilty to assault and battery.

J. H. Cornforth of the Animas valley section was given a hearing on a charge of interfering with the freedom of four head of cattle being less than 4 months old and not accompanied by mothers. Witnesses in the case were Cattle Sanitary Board officers Shugert, Cook and Scrimsher. Holmes Maddox and Oliver G. King were both in for the hearing. Cornforth was given over to the grand jury under a \$1500 bond.

District attorney elect, J. S. Vaught was here from Deming in the interests of the state in the above cases.

## Mrs. McVannon Takes Charge of Locklear Ranch

Mrs. F. E. McVannon of Separ and her ranch foreman, Claude Hollis, were here the last of the week transacting land business before the local United States Commissioner. Mrs. McVannon has leased the vacant school-sections in her range and Mr. Hollis has taken a homestead entry on lands formerly located by Ben Locklear.

All of the Locklear holdings, which included the Norcop ranch and a large tract of state land, together with the cattle owned by Messrs. Andrew and Ben Locklear were sold to Mrs. McVannon. The purchase price is believed to be approximately \$75,000. By acquiring this property Mrs. McVannon becomes one of the largest stock-growers among women in the southwest.

Metro features are shown at the Star theatre on Thursday nights. Five reels of high class pictures. Famous actors and actresses and excellent plots.

The Liberal ads bring results.

## 85 Annual Meeting Next Week

Lordsburg and the 85 Mine camp has as its guests this week A. P. Warner, C. H. Warner and B. P. Yates, owners of a majority of the stock and officers of the 85 Mining Company. The gentlemen were here for the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the company which was to be held on the 10th of December but owing to a change in the by-laws will not be held until next Wednesday. They will go to California for a few days and return here Tuesday.

It is unofficially understood that matters of great importance to the 85 Mining Company and the future of the local camp will come up before the meeting on Wednesday.

The 85 has made great strides in its progress during the past year. New offices and other buildings have been erected, an additional Deisel engine unit has been installed, a new level has been opened up and much new work done. In 1915 the company returned to the state tax commission a gross production value of \$ 762,921.78. This year the output will total a much greater value.

The extensive operations of the 85 mine have meant much to the commercial activity of Lordsburg and the prosperity of our city is due largely to this company.

## Car Turns Over Twice

While en route to Lordsburg from their Animas ranch the Ford car of Robert Guess, driven by his wife who was learning to manage the machine, turned over on Leiden-dorf hill. Mr. Guess' mother sustained a broken shoulder and the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Guess a severe scalp wound. The other occupants escaped with a few minor cuts and bruises.

## GEOLOGIST VISITS CAMP

Franklin W. Smith, a well known geologist of Arizona, has been here this week going over the local field for the 85 Extension Mining and Development company. He was accompanied on the trip by L. D. McClure of Miami, Ariz., the organizer of the new company which will operate in the Lordsburg district soon after the first of the year. The gentlemen are here getting an idea as to the geology before making definite plans for their development work.

## Will Locate at Hachita

From the Duncan News  
R. S. Scott will go to Hachita, N. M., next week, where he will locate. He intends to open a garage there, in fact is making arrangements to do so this week, when he was there for a few days. Mr. Scott is well known to the traveling public and for some time had been part owner of the Duncan garage, and that he will be successful in his new venture is a certainty.

## "GIRL FROM FRISCO" DELIGHTS CROWDS

The new Kalem serial picture, "The Girl From Frisco," which is being shown at the Star theatre on Saturday nights is proving to be one of the largest drawing cards yet booked by manager Briel. For the last two episodes even standing room has been at a premium. The story is truly a western drama and delights a western crowd with its thrills and exciting situations. With popular prices of 5c and 10c the big feature is sure to capture every movie goer in Lordsburg and patrons are advised to come early if they want seats.

Tuesday night "Peg O' the Ring" and Thursday night the Metro features are still big drawing cards.

## Officials Of Bonney Visit Their Mines

David J. Evans and W. T. McCaskey, president and vice-president respectively of the Western Mining and Development company, who have taken over the Bonney mine, arrived here Saturday and have spent the week going over the property with J. P. Porteus, their consulting engineer. The gentlemen are making their first trip to the local field and are so impressed with the present showing and prospect of future development that they have decided on making extensive improvements at the mine and expediting work from all points. They have gone to Douglas, Ariz., to have their smelter contract increased to twice the present size of monthly shipment.

Mr. Evans, president of the company, is president of the Andresen-Evans Company of Chicago, Ill. He is the maker of grab-buckets used by mining companies and irrigation projects. The excavation work at the Elephant Butte dam was done with the Andresen-Evans bucket. He is also interested in mining in Oklahoma being the owner of a large coal field and branch railroad in that state.

Mr. McCaskey, vice-president of the Western Mining company, is the president of the W. T. McCaskey company of Chicago, Ill., operators of the Public Utilities companies in a number of the central states having concessions for some of the largest light plants, gas works and water works in the United States. He is one of the best known electrical engineers in the east and has been connected with world-famed electrical companies. Mr. McCaskey was interested in mining in Colorado in the early 80's, where he was very successful in Bunker-Hill-Sullivan. The entrance of these men into the local district speaks well for the possibilities of the Bonney mine and its present merit.

Relative to the visit of Messrs Evans and McCaskey to their coal property and mines the Poteau, Oklahoma Sun of November 23, says:  
D. J. Evans and W. T. McCaskey of Chicago, owners of the Witteville road, were here the first of the week looking over their property.

With the re-organization of the mines which will soon be in operation, it was deemed advisable to connect the Witteville road with the K. C. S., saving the

\$2.00 switching charge on every car. This connection means a great saving to the mine and should have been made years ago.

While the coal at Witteville mines has scarcely been touched yet they have paid enough in switching charges to have connected these roads two or three times.

## REDROCK

Mrs. Frank Graves of York, Arizona is visiting relatives here.

Miss Edna Graves, daughter of Mrs. Ed Head, was married in Clifton, Arizona, November 25th to George H. Phillips of that place.

J. M. Harper and family motored to Silver City to spend Thanksgiving with the J. M. Murphy's.

The native element entertained themselves at a baile Saturday night, dancing till eight o'clock in the morning and again dancing several hours Sunday night.

Several families combined and served Thanksgiving dinner at the school house. There were a number of small dinner parties reported for the day. The high cost of living isn't bothering the farmers any.

The crowning event of the day was the play party at J. C. Ford's for the young people. The eats were plentiful and delicious, the games fast and furious, all saying they had the time of their lives.

The private, school conducted by Miss Tutwiller and the public school, with Mr. Rogers teacher, joined forces in producing the following program:

What does Thanksgiving Mean?  
Ruth Wood, Rachel Wood

Old Father time.....  
Lewis Conner

Psalms of Life.....  
Jim Cloudd

Landing of the Pilgrims.....  
Roy Jernigen, Raymond Ford

Thanksgiving Time.....  
Mark and Wesley Williamson

Thanksgiving Dinner.....  
Nellie O'Neil

Our Banner.....  
Harry Williamson

Old Solan.....  
Lucy Ford

The Pilgrims.....  
Olivette Conner, Jim Cloudd

Turkey Song.....  
Olivette Conner, Nellie O'Neil

Roy Jernigen, Daymond Ford,  
Lucy Ford.

Thanksgiving Pie.....  
Raymond Ford, Viola Thomson,

Maurice Conner, Claude Wood

Duet.....  
Raymond Ford, Daymond Ford

Yankee Doodle Turkey Solo.....  
Mildred Conner

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